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H. R. 129

To authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LAND CONVEYANCE AUTHORITY, LOS PADRES**
4 **NATIONAL FOREST, CALIFORNIA.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of
6 Agriculture may convey to the White Lotus Foundation
7 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
8 to the real property within the Los Padres National Forest
9 in California described in subsection (b).

1 (b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The real property
2 subject to conveyance under this Act is certain land lo-
3 cated in Santa Barbara County, California consisting of
4 approximately 5 acres within Section 22, Township 5
5 North, Range 28 West of the San Bernardino Base and
6 Meridian.

7 (c) SURVEY.—If necessary, the exact acreage and
8 legal description of the real property to be conveyed under
9 this Act shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to
10 the Secretary. The cost of a survey shall be borne by the
11 White Lotus Foundation.

12 (d) VALUATION.—Any appraisal of the real property
13 to be conveyed under this Act shall conform to the Uni-
14 form Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions,
15 and the appraisal shall be subject to the approval of the
16 Secretary.

17 (e) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration for conveyance
18 of real property under this Act shall be in an amount not
19 less than the appraised market value.

20 (f) TREATMENT OF PROCEEDS.—

21 (1) DEPOSIT.—The gross proceeds from the
22 conveyance of real property described under this Act
23 shall be deposited in a special account in the Treas-
24 ury of the United States for maintenance of the Los
25 Padres National Forest.

1 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts deposited under
2 paragraph (1) shall be available to the Secretary
3 until expended, without further appropriation.

4 (g) PRE-EXISTING RIGHTS.—Entities which cur-
5 rently make legal use of any roadway that may be con-
6 veyed under this Act to the White Lotus Foundation re-
7 tain access rights to the roadway.

8 (h) BROKERS.—The Secretary may utilize brokers or
9 other third parties in the conveyance of the real property
10 authorized by this Act and, from the proceeds of a convey-
11 ance, may pay reasonable commissions or fees.

12 (i) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-
13 retary may require such additional terms and conditions
14 in connection with the conveyance under this Act as the
15 Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of
16 the United States.

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